

# THE LACLEDE BLADE

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## The Larger Community Spirit

The typical characteristic of a progressive town is a keen sense of the gains that may come from the growth of a town as a whole. The people clearly see that if they can make their town and its business increase, every form of property and business will go ahead. Furthermore the net profit in case of such increase should be larger proportionately than the gain in gross returns. A larger business can often be done without much increase of expense, leaving a greatly enhanced net return.

In every progressive town, therefore, the merchants are willing to devote much time and thought to making the town grow as a whole. They do not relax efforts to compete successfully with each other. But the gains that come from the growth of the town as a whole come easier and with less effort.

The first essential is to develop an intense feeling of community loyalty. It should be realized that everyone who owns a business or any real estate is going to gain by the growth of a town as a whole. Also everyone who has a job in a growing town, is the gainer though this is not always realized. In a growing town employers are better able to pay good wages, and there are more opportunities for advancement.

The first step in community loyalty is to patronize the home merchants. The man who sells supplies in your town is in a sense your business partner. He is working for ends that are vital to your success. Every purchase made at home helps on the town, helps make your property, your business, your job, more valuable, and hopeful of larger opportunity.

Spend your money so as to make your home town grow, rather than so as to make some other place grow.

## Republican Prosperity the Basis

That the democrats are able to derive such a large revenue from internal taxation because of the carefully nurtured prosperity which the republicans left as a legacy to the democratic administration is the contention of Congressman Henry W. Watson of Pennsylvania. "The republican protective tariff was the energy which developed our great resources," asserts Mr. Watson, "and the democratic party depends upon that prosperity from which to collect a revenue to meet intemperate democratic disbursements." Representative Watson recognizes the right of the party in control to impose their economic theories on the country, but must deny his support to a bill that will inevitably reduce wages, further increase the cost of living, and add more burdensome taxation.

## Free Paper No Cheaper

At a recent conference on the newsprint paper situation in Canada it developed that Canadian mills can manufacture paper about \$4.50 per ton cheaper than the mills in the United States. This would indicate that there was justification for some measure of protective tariff on paper and also would lead to the inference that if a protective duty had been maintained, American mills would have increased their capacity so that a shortage would not have occurred. Paper manufacturers could scarcely be

expected to enlarge their mills while in free competition with factories that can produce at a less cost.

## Spring Draining of Fields

The bane of earth roads is water. To wet the foundation, is to quickly ruin the road. When the frost goes out in the spring, the fields are allowed to drain into the roadway, regardless of proper provision to take care of the excess water. Road ditches are usually of small capacity and often become clogged so that the excess water backs up over the road and quickly transforms it into a bottomless mire.

Farmers should provide their own ditches for drainage. Inside their fence lines, and carry them to points of natural outlet in order to save the roads. Conditions frequently arise where the use of a plow or a spade for ten minutes would relieve a half-mile of road from the effects of backwater, and enable it to dry out for use in two days. Without this relief, it will remain in bad condition for several weeks.

Let farmers, for their own protection, watch the drainage of the roads past their farms. When roads are looked upon as an evidence of shiftlessness on the part of the adjacent farmers, we may look for a radical improvement.

## Methodist Church Notes

H. J. Dueker, Pastor.

Public worship at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

Wm. Kraft, Superintendent.

Junior League at 3:00 p. m.

Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

After the sermon the officers of the Epworth League will be formally installed into their respective offices.

Come, you are invited to enjoy with us the privileges of the sanctuary.

## Newspaper Bargain

Do not fail to note the wonderful "real bargain offer" made by that sterling newspaper, the St. Louis Globe Democrat, elsewhere in this issue. In spite of the enormously increased cost of production, the Daily Globe-Democrat except Sunday, is offered to Rural Free Delivery and Star Route patrons (yearly subscriptions only) at the remarkably low rate of \$3.00 per year—or in complete clubs of three or more, at the net club rate of only \$2.50 for each yearly subscription. The Daily Globe-Democrat including Sunday is offered for \$5.50 per year, or in clubs of three or more at the rate of \$4.75 for each yearly subscription. This offer is also open to subscribers who receive their mail at Post-offices where the Daily Globe-Democrat is not handled by local news-dealers. It is not open to subscribers who live in towns served by Daily Globe-Democrat news-dealers. The regular price of the Daily Globe-Democrat including Sunday, \$5.00 per year. Read the "real bargain offer" and send in your order at once. The advancing price of all newspaper-making material may force an increased subscription rate at any time. Address the Globe Printing Company, Publishers, St. Louis, Mo.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 15c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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## Executor's Public Sale

By authority vested in me by the terms of the will of Geo. M. West, deceased, I will, on

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1917**

at the hour of 10 a. m. at the late residence of the deceased, 3 1/2 miles northeast of Laclede, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described personal property:

One bay mare weigh about 1600 pounds; 1 driving mare; 1 colt 3 years old; 1 yearling colt; 1 grey mare weigh about 1600 pounds; 2 cows with calves at side; 1 dry cow; 1 cow to be fresh soon; 3 head yearling steers; 3 yearling heifers; 1 brood sow; farm wagon; 2 buggies; spring wagon; plow; 3-section harrow, set single harness; set work harness; feed grinder; corn sheller; dipping tank, gasoline engine, pump-jack; tank heater and other things usually found on a farm.

**O. F. LIBBY,**  
Executor.

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